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Haghie Galls Fast Aggregation will Clash with the Red and White in an Exhibition Game--A Good Game is Expected as there are Many Old Varsity Men on the O.R.F.U. Team

ALERTS WANTED MCGILL TO GO TO HAMILTON

The McGill Football Team rested up yesterday after their strenuous game in Kingston. The team are all in good shape except Paisley, who broke a small bone in his hand, and Jimmy Lee who again hurt his leg. Paisley's injury will keep him out of the game for the next two weeks anyway. This is unfortunate as Pep is a sure catch and a good kick and his loss will be a sore blow to the Red and White team.

Jimmy Lee states that his leg will keep him out of the game for at least a week but that with proper care he hopes to be back in the game when the team play Varsity, if the latter are successful in defeating Queen's next Saturday.

Definite arrangements have been made by the executive of the Club with regard to a game next Saturday. The Parkdale team will come to Montreal and play McGill on the campus on Saturday afternoon. This team is largely composed of ex-Varsity men and a good game can be looked for. Hugh Gall, the captain of the Toronto team needs no introduction to McGill men as he played on the Varsity senior team for four successive years. This will be the only game in Montreal next Saturday and a good crowd is expected. The rooters will be expected to turn out in force as it will give them a chance to prepare for the game which will in all probability take place with Varsity the following week in Ottawa.

The Alerts of Hamilton offered the McGill Club a five hundred dollar guarantee for a game in the ambitious city but it was thought advisable to play on the home grounds.

Parkdale will receive \$600 from the Club to cover the expenses of their trip.

It looks very much from here as if Varsity would defeat Queen's next Saturday. Should they do so the play off will in all probability take place in Ottawa and it will be a titanic struggle. The class of rugby played in the Intercollegiate Union is faster and more scientific than that of the Interprovincial league and Ottawa people will be given a chance to see a really first-class exhibition of the Canadian game in place of the contests hitherto staged in that city, over which they make such a ridiculous fuss.

The team will practice this afternoon and every afternoon this week in preparation for the Parkdale game. Particular attention will be devoted to the end runs which proved so successful against Queen's.

The seconds are now through for the season but they are expected to turn out and practice against the seniors as the latter have at least two games ahead of them if not more. If Varsity are defeated by Queen's next Saturday McGill will be Intercollegiate champions but they will still be forced to play off for the Dominion championship. If Varsity win, as seems probable, the game the following Saturday will be the crucial one for McGill, as, on form, the Intercollegiate should retain the Dominion championship. It is six years since Steven's fourteen were defeated by the Tigers on the campus and since that time the McGill Football team have never been so near the honors as this season.

INTERESTING THEME TREATED IN A MOST MASTERLY MANNER

Dr. Atcock Spoke Last Night in the Large Hall of the Chemistry and Mining Building to Representative Audience

"HOW AND WHY WE BOIL POTATOES," HIS SUBJECT

To a large and interested audience last night, Dr. Aleock gave a University lecture in the large lecture hall of the Chemistry Building.

The subject was "How and why we boil potatoes," and the lecturer dealt in a masterly manner with the manifold phases of this question. A question which is of interest to every one.

After a few introductory remarks regarding physiology and its application to the subject in hand the lecturer went on to speak of the method of study. He said that there were two methods open to us; one whereby information was given to us and we took what were told as the facts, the other the experimental method by which we see for ourselves and it becomes a matter of fact, not opinion.

The lecturer then went on to describe the potato, its growth cellular construction, and the natural agencies which promote this. He then mentioned the botanical family to which the familiar tuber belonged. Raw potatoes, he stated, were not a satisfactory food, we might as well eat shredded door-mats. It was obvious that they must be cooked. It was, he said, with great diffidence he approached this phase of the question. Many anxious hours had been spent in thinking this matter over due to his realization of how skillful Canadian Cookery was.

Dr. Aleock then proceeded to illus-

trate how not to boil potatoes. He said to use an open saucepan, with cold water and the potatoes cut into pieces was wrong and had many drawbacks. It wasted fuel, wasted part of the potato and did not please the palate as much as a better method, to wit, the putting of salt in the water, the covering of the pot, the boiling of the potato with the skin on it and then the draining out of the pot and steaming of the potato.

He then illustrated the advantages of cooking in a "three decker" with moist steam; this method saves fuel; the potato is not peeled but washed. It gives the vegetable a fine flavor and produces a flowy potato.

The lecturer then spoke on the eating of the cooked potato and emphasized the importance of a free flow of saliva and the necessity of avoiding emotions which hinder this, such as temper and excitement; there was a great deal of truth contained in the words "Laugh and grow fat."

He then spoke on starch and illustrated the difference of taste between the raw material and the slightly cooked product, also the taste of dextrose and maltose.

He then performed a number of experiments and showed the chemical reactions which took place.

He then went on to a general discussion of many other phases of the subject which he said belonged in the region as controversy as experiments were very difficult.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Today the people of the United States elect their President, and a great deal of interest is naturally felt in the result by the Canadian people. The coming election will be unique, in so far as it marks the breaking away of a vast part of the American people from party tradition. The fetish of party loyalty and blind adherence to party tradition has been cast aside. True, the election will be fought on the same old issue of privilege and the people, but this time the people are not accepting the guidance of the party boss; they are deciding for themselves.

The Progressive party has grown in strength and numbers with astonishing rapidity of late years, and, under the leadership of a man of dynamic personality would appear to have somewhat overshadowed the old Republican organization. The policy of the Democratic party is also along markedly progressive lines and it would seem that the real struggle lies between the two representatives of the modern idea of government and the people.

Both Col. Roosevelt, Mr. Wilson, and their respective supporters, inveigh against privilege, but along somewhat radically different lines. The former has denounced the vested interests and their part in politics, claiming that the "bosses" are merely the paid tools of the trusts. The latter maintains that the root of the special privilege evil lies in the Republican high tariff and that the lowering of the tariff wall would benefit the people generally and loosen the grasp of the privileged classes on the industrial and financial business of the nation. At the same time, they inveigh against State control of industries, a prominent plank in the platform

Mr. Taft and the Republican Party have been made to appear as supporters of the vested interests and they are attacked on these lines by both of the other parties. They are forced to support the idea that modern conditions entail the existence of privilege.

To Canadians, the election is of great interest, not only as spectators but also as interested parties. If the Democrats succeed in gaining control of the reins of government and carry out their proposals regarding the reduction of the tariff it will be interesting to note, in view of the recent election on this side of the line, what changes such a reduction will effect in Canadian trade conditions.

COMING EVENTS

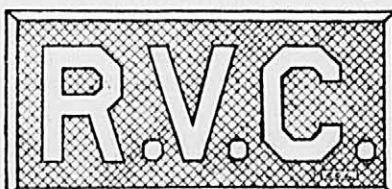
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8.00 p.m. Oriental Club.
5.15 p.m. Gymn.
Polo Practice.
Rifle Shoot.
Football Practice.

TO-MORROW.

5.00 p.m. Physics Society.
5.00 p.m. C.O.T.C. at Royal Scots Armories.
Rifle Shoot.
8.00 p.m. Philosophical Society.
Football Practice.

use preservative methods. During the last four years the treatment of the poles has advanced rapidly in 1911 over 21 per cent. of the total number were treated by the creosote or other methods. This is an increase of some forty-five per cent. over the number treated in 1909. At present the United States have a large number of timber-treating plants, while Canadian pole-users are only now beginning to treat their poles. It is to be hoped that this great inequality will soon be done away with and that pole-users in Canada may take up this cheap and rational method of securing greater service from the poles used and thus lessening the drain on the forest.



Y. W. C. A. SALE.

The Y.W.C.A. Bazaar held annually for the purpose of raising money to

and delegates to Muskoka took place Saturday in the Common Room.

The various departments were all well patronized. Perhaps the most popular was the candy booth. Here the attraction of the sweets was added to by the Hallowe'en decorations, and the costumes of those serving.

The afternoon tea and 'Frozen Faculty' booths were also most popular. The demands for Hickson Splits and Hurbatt Highballs in particular was so great that there was danger of the demand exceeding the supply. Tea served at small tables placed about the Common Room and in the hall had, as usual, a large demand.

The pennant and cushion table was quickly cleared. Among the things noticeable at this table were the pennants of other colleges that had been very kindly donated by their Y.W.C.A. Societies.

From the financial side also the sale was a success and a very gratifying amount was raised to carry on the work at Muskoka.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Bill Hughes, with his rooters, gave the Queen's supporters an example of what real cheering is like, and although there were only about forty McGill men present they managed to make almost as much noise as the Queen's Rooters Club.

Shaughnessy was a very pleased man on Saturday evening and he certainly had the best of reasons for being so. The effects of his Coaching were visible at all times and the first touchdown was scored as a direct result of one of his new plays.

The officials on Saturday were very poor and incompetent and it seems very peculiar that when Varsity have to appoint the referee and umpire that they can never do so in a satisfactory manner. Both teams were penalized on a great many occasions for offside interference and at last resorted to a kicking game altogether as they were afraid to try their line plays through fear of being called back.

R.M.C. held Varsity well right up to the end of the third quarter when they seem to have shot their bolt. The Cadets have a very fast, aggressive team and would be heartily welcomed into the Intercollegiate Rugby Union next year.

Hazlett's inside kicks on Saturday while they were beautifully placed failed to gain him much ground as after the first two or three Draper or in the ball. Shaughnessy was of McEwen were always ready to gather the opinion that Hazlett might have gained more by long punts instead of his short inside kicks as on two or three occasions he could have punted to the dead-ball line and only lost the ball by his inside kick.

Kingston turned out in force to witness the game and the accommodation was taxed to the utmost. Their stands are not very large but considering the size of the place a very good crowd was present which totalled about two thousand in all.

Varsity on their own grounds were only able to defeat Queens 17-11 and we in Kingston defeated the Queens by the large score of 14-3. The only conclusion left to us when this data is looked over is that Varsity are going to have to play better than they did against Queen's in Toronto if they hope to beat us in a play. At present there is a lot of people who believe that Queen's can beat Varsity on Saturday.

Billington and Hazlett had a great punting duel and honours were somewhat in favor of the Queen's man. Ginter will be outclassed next Saturday if Hazlett kicks as well as he did last Saturday.

Our backs played almost faultless ball last Saturday and on the showing displayed are a combination that will be very hard to beat.

Jimmy Lee's getting back into the game was a great surprise to everybody as till the team came on the field nobody expected that Jimmy was going to take part in the game. He displayed fine form and tackled as hard as ever though just at first he like some of the other members of the team seemed to find trouble in getting started.

The defeat of Ottawa by the Argonauts must have been a sad blow to the Ottawa supporters, as they were all counting on their team winning the championship. Argonauts are now practically sure of being champions and there are many people around McGill who would sooner see our team play Argonauts in a play-off than to have to play the Rough Riders.

Next Saturday R.M.C. are playing Varsity II in Kingston and will be there to cheer for Queen's against Varsity as they are very desirous of seeing McGill Champions.

All the McGill line tackled well on Saturday and on more than one occasion Buster Reid and Cruikshanks were noticed taking flying tackles and getting the man hard.

The ground was very heavy and this is going to tell against Varsity greatly as their long suit is their running which style of play is almost impossible in Kingston.

Our halves backed each other up well on Saturday and saved what looked to be costly fumbles on more than one occasion.

Woollatt showed great gameness for a new man as he was pretty roughly handled by Ed. Elliott whom all the Canadian papers are censuring for his behavior on Saturday.

Our other teams in Kingston on Saturday did not distinguish themselves; but any losses that they sustained were completely eclipsed by the great victory.

ENGLISH SURGEON ON INTESTINAL STASIS

Medical Men Heard a Lecture
by Mr. Lane

Yesterday morning was marked in Medicine by the suspension of lectures in the fourth and fifth years. The reason of this was a special lecture in the Royal Victoria Hospital. The lecturer was Mr. Lane of London, Eng., who was introduced by Dr. Armstrong. Mr. Lane is a surgeon of no mean repute, and is probably better known in Orthopedics than in any other branch. In this branch of science, when treated of conditions of the bony structure of the body, as well as the correction of deformities, Mr. Lane has laid special stress on the plating of fractures and has devised several methods by which he has obtained very fine results. The subject he chose for his lecture did not, however, pertain to the above conditions, but dealt with a subject of which comparatively little is known, that is Acute and Chronic Intestinal Stasis, or the cessation of peristaltic movements of the intestines due to various conditions, which bring about a loss of tone in the muscles of the intestinal walls. To this condition, Mr. Lane explained, was usually corrected by the surgeon, such as cancer or malignant new growth which is common in certain parts of the alimentary tract. With a better knowledge of the cause, he predicted that a certain percentage of these conditions could be treated by the physician without recourse to surgery. Mr. Lane's delivery was pleasing and his lecture was profusely illustrated not only by drawings of his own, but by radiographs of the various conditions which he had found in the patients that came under his observation in his hospital work. These well illustrated his points and proved a source of interest to his listeners.

Mr. Lane is very enthusiastic about his subject, which might almost be called a hobby, and has spent a great deal of time in patient study, and deep thought before drawing his conclusions, which he gave to his audience. He also remarked on the influence which a person's 'complexion' seems to have in the predisposition of that person to various conditions, pathological and otherwise. This is a matter he said, for the physiologist to take up and the results should prove to be interesting. To illustrate he called attention to the fact that this is not unnoticeable and that Kipling must have had some idea, similar to what Mr. Lane himself entertains, when he wrote "The Light that Failed."

ENGLISH RUGBY TEAM MAY TOUR PROVINCES

All Arrangements Made for
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Excuse from Attendance Rule

There is still a chance of the McGill English Rugby team visiting Halifax this season. All arrangements for the tour have been made, and should the Faculty decide to give the team their attendance the team will leave Montreal on Thursday night, returning at 7.30 Monday morning.

Negotiations are now proceeding to form an Intercollegiate League. Should the McGill team show itself up to the standard of the Eastern Colleges by doing well next Saturday against Dalhousie, McGill will join this Intercollegiate League next season. The League will probably consist of the following colleges: Dalhousie University, University of New Brunswick, McGill, Mt. Allison or Acadia. Yesterday there was very good practice. A game for half an hour warmed the team up for some scrumming work. The forwards have now adopted the 2-3-2 formations, which seems to be working better than the 3-2-3. All those who are trying for a place on the team should be out to-day at 4.15.

In addition to the fourth and fifth years a large number of the Faculty were present, as well as a number of McGill grads residing here in the city, to all of whom the lecture proved most interesting and supplied considerable food for thought.

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Paisley played a splendid game and if he has to stay out of the game for awhile his absence will be keenly felt. His injury was very painful but Pep was just as cheerful as ever all the way home.

Andy Davies, last year manager of our McGill Football Team, and Tank Robinson, who was Sporting Editor of the Daily last year, were both in Kingston on Saturday to cheer on the team.

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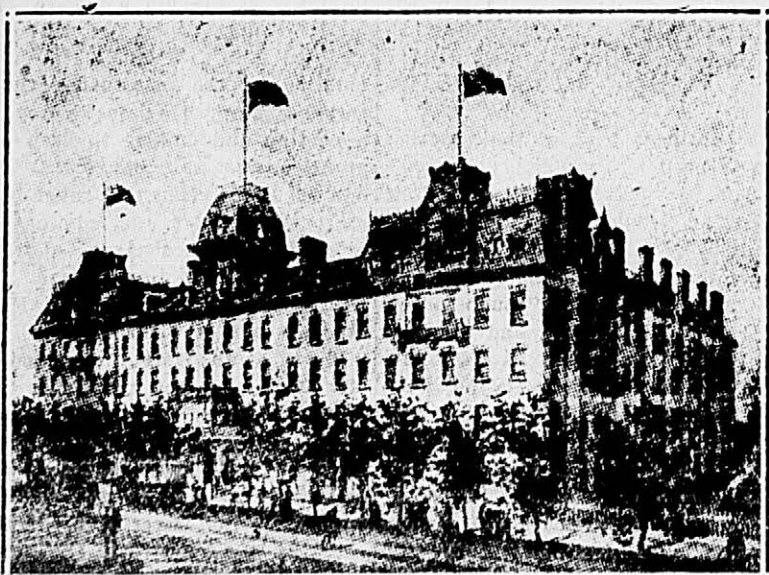
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting of the Physical Society on Wednesday, November 6th. The subject will be "Recent work throwing light upon the nature of Röntgen and Gamma rays," and will be given by Prof. A. S. Eve.

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The Rifle Club will have practice shoots on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. The new regulations as to the number of shooters will be adopted. It is hoped that everyone will turn out as to as many as possible, because the Inter-collegiate shoot is next Saturday.

WOOD CUP.

The Interyear games for the Wood Cup have been arranged for as follows:—

1st vs. 2nd year on November 7th.
3rd vs. 4th year on November 8th.
Finals on November 12th.
All games will commence at 12 noon. All those who have played in an intercollegiate match on either the 1st or 2nd team, will not be allowed to play for their year.

McGILL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ORCHESTRA.

The first rehearsal of the McGill Students' Orchestra will be held at Strathcona Hall on Wednesday evening November 6th, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance of members is expected. New music. There is room for experienced men on Violin, Viola, Cello and String Bass.

WATER POLO.

The following men will turn up at the Y.M.C.A. bath at 5.15 p.m. today for a polo and swimming practice.

Edherton, Lee Smith, Sid. Baldwin, Frank McGill Buckley, John Kerry, Hodgson, McTavish, Art. Mackay, Patterson, Trapp, Redman, Coy, Thom.

The team to play Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday will be picked from these men.

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The College is a Government institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving instruction in all branches of military science to officers and Cadets of the Canadian Militia. In fact it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and Military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which from such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and, in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills and outdoor exercise of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

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The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9½ months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras, is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College, takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

For full particulars regarding this examination, and for any other information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont., or to the Commandant, Royal Military College Kingston, Ont.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor McGill Daily.

Dear Sir:—

There seems to be little interest taken in Mr. Hollinsed's letter of recent date, in which he asked for information regarding the official McGill sweater.

One would presume that those best qualified to speak with assurance on this matter would be the members of the Athletic Committee. If this presumption be correct may we not hear from the chairman of this committee? The question raised is surely one of sufficient importance to claim the consideration of those qualified to speak regarding it; and, if so, a clear explanation seems desirable for the enlightenment of those not so informed.

It may be that the Executive of the Students' Supply can pronounce with finality in this matter; for, during the opening week of this session, I took the liberty of raising this very point, whilst looking at some athletic goods in the Supply Room. I was firmly assured by the clerk in charge that it was not a matter for doubt; and, seeing that his words did not gain full credence, he even offered to support them with a bet. Now that a true and full statement of the matter would be appreciated, let us hear from those gentlemen.

Very truly yours,

H. P. HONEY.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Dear Sir:—

Three letters have already appeared in your columns dealing with the Students' Supply, one from the philanthropic point of view, the other two from the purely commercial side. As it is agreed that money is needed by the Council, the running of the Supply on the former lines, however desirable in theory, cannot be practised. The Supply must therefore be looked upon as a money making concern or as a system of voluntary taxation. Now the profits of the Supply are derived from the sale of two classes of goods, those which are necessary to students, such as instru-

THINGS THEATRICAL

PRINCESS THEATRE

Judging from the size of the audience that assembled at the Princess Theatre last night and considering also the enthusiasm displayed on this the third visit of Franz Lehar's operetta to this city. We are forced to the conclusion that "The Merry Widow" has lost none of its old time popularity. However, we must be candid—we are forced also to the conclusion that actors playing the same part day in and day out for three or four years are bound to become a bit mechanical.

Although Charles Meakins, Mabel Wilber, Oscar Figman and the others still handle their respective parts with considerable ability, yet that old time vigor, that dash and vim that characterized their work is no longer present. We would suggest a change, but, oh, I fear we are knocking and the motto in front of us in our editorial sanctum reads, "Don't knock, boost"—that is what the audience did last night, and after all the audience is the judge.

Seriously, the music is the one redeeming feature of the production as it stands to-day, and for this alone it is worth seeing once again.

"The Merry Widow" is the original model on which some hundred and one other operettas have been constructed. Among these the most successful are the "Balkan Princess" the "Siren" and the "Spring Maid" but not one of these has even nearly approached the popularity of the original pattern. The reason for this is no doubt the masterful way in which Franz Lehar, the composer, has handled his score. The operetta will be at the Princess all this week, and we would strongly advise all those who have not as yet seen the play to pay it a visit. Those who are familiar with the piece can still derive plenty of pleasure from it should they care to sit through it once more.

HIS MAJESTY'S

The initial performance of the local opera season was given last evening at His Majesty's theatre, with the presentation of "Aida."

This elaborate and ever popular composition by Verdi proved a peculiarly happy selection for the opening night. The opera which is rather long possesses wealth of dramatic incident and just sufficient of the

spectacular element and of dance to prevent its ever shading into the monotonous.

The story is one of love and jealousy. Aida, an Ethiopian maiden, held captive at the Egyptian court, cherishes a reciprocated passion for Adamantis, leader of the Egyptian forces. The latter is also beloved by Amneris, the king's daughter. Aida at her father's instigation and in order to return to her own land tempts Adamantis to flee with her and turn his sword against his native country. They are discovered on the eve of flight and through the jealousy of Amneris, Adamantis is doomed to death by interment. The denouement of the opera shows the reunion of Adamantis and Aida literally in the tomb while the more penitent Amneris mourns above its closed and sealed portal.

With the exception of Cervi and Choiseul who sang here last year the cast was composed entirely of artists making their first appearance in Montreal. M. M. Lafitte who sang the part of Radames possesses a tenor voice of rich power while Mmes. Amnden the sinuously beautiful Aida delighted the audience with clarity and sweetness of her lower and middle tones, though in the higher range her voice seemed to become rather harsh. Possibly this was due as much to the acoustic properties of the building as to any fault on the part of the singer.

Goddard, a man of immense physique, handled the part of Ramfis the high priest, in a masterly manner; his voice is full and powerful and under magnificent control. The heaviest dramatic work of the evening fell to the lot of Claessens as Amneris and in the final act she showed histrionic ability of a high quality.

The staging of the piece was on the whole excellent, but it must have been rather startling to any stray archaeologist in the audience to observe the similarity between Egyptian musical instruments of two thousand years ago, and those of a modern village brass band. Such incidents, however, could not detract from the true merit of the production.

The enthusiasm of the audience was intense and a regular ovation greeted the artists at the close of the second act, an ovation, only ended by the appearance of both conductor and manager.

This evening a gala performance of Louise will be given which will be graced by the presence of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia.

ments, stationery etc. and those which necessities, indirect because the profits do not go towards decreasing the price and necessities because a man must buy stationery, etc. Now a maxim in any system of taxation is "Tax the luxuries but leave the necessities alone as far as possible." It is here where the Students Supply makes one great mistake and thereby actually injures itself. At the present moment there are a great number of men, who do not deal with the Supply because they can get the stationery that they need, much cheaper "down town." It is quite common to hear "Don't go to the Supply for it, you will get it much cheaper down town." The Supply at present by selling these necessities at practically up town prices, keeps these men away and probably loses their custom for are optional and as such, luxuries. Thus we have, as it were, two kinds of taxation, one on necessities, the other on luxuries. Your correspondent Mr. Murray apparently considers these two kinds to be the same, for in answer to Mr. Hewson's deprecation of a Supply on money making lines, he writes, "To follow his argument to a logical conclusion, it would be necessary to abolish all gate receipts at inter-collegiate games. . . . Surely this is not the logical conclusion for there is a fundamental difference between the two ideas. Gate money, to continue the taxation simile, is a direct tax on a luxury, direct because it goes to the games account and a luxury because it is not necessary to watch a match, whereas profit-making on stationery, etc., is an indirect tax on all goods, for a man who does not get satisfaction at a store in one department, is hardly likely to deal with any of the departments. If however the Supply will reduce the prices on necessities lower than or at least to the level of the stores down town, these men, if only for convenience, will deal at the Supply and obtaining satisfaction when buying necessary articles, will lay their luxuries there knowing that even if possibly they could be procured cheaper elsewhere which is, in the case of luxuries, not always possible, for many obvious reason (o.g. monop-

lies, etc.), yet the profit on them is helping the University. Thus there would be a much larger turnover, which after all is one of the great factors in the success of a cash business, for a large turnover with small profits is better than a small turnover with large profits. If the Supply will undertake some such scheme of prices, I am confident that it will not lose and the University as a whole will greatly benefit. In conclusion the authorities of the Supply, should this meet their eye, are asked to accept these remarks not as from a hostile critic but from one who, realizing that a business welcomes criticism at its commencement in order that finally it may rise above it, begs to sign himself

CRITIC.

Advice has been received from Chicago that among the party of Montenegrins travelling to New York over the Grand Trunk considerable interest was aroused by the presence of a number of Greeks who carried with them banners bearing the words of exhortations to their sons who fought at Thermopylae by the mothers of ancient Greece, adjuring them to "Return with your shields or upon them."

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FRENCH CLUB HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Mr. Barclay's Speech was Feature of the Evening

The first meeting of the Circle Francaise for the year 1912-13, took place last night at the Little Green Tea Rooms when about thirty men sat down to a most enjoyable meal. During the course of the repast not a word of English was to be heard, every one doing his best to converse in French.

As soon as the menu had been gone through by Mr. Harold Griffith, the president, in a few remarks explained the aims of the Club and asked Mr. Bieler, the vice-president, to read the amendments that had been drawn up to the Constitution.

Mr. Bieler explained that owing to poor attendance at the meetings held during the last two years, the executive had decided that the meetings should take the form of a supper followed by an address or a debate. It was also to be hoped that a couple of joint meetings could be held in the "Societe Francaise" of the R. V. C. The amendments have been endorsed by all the members present the President called for nominations for the position of secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. Nicholson and Beatty were elected to fill the important parts.

The business part of the meeting being cancelled, Mr. Barclay was called upon to speak on his impressions of Paris. He outlined in a most interesting way three of his experiences during his sojourn in the French capital, a street riot, a "rough-house" in the Faculty of Law, and the flood of February 1909. Mr. Barclay narrated how out of curiosity he went to see the demonstration held in protest of Fener's execution, and how this gathering soon became tumultuous. Shots were fired at the head of the police department and the Republican Guard had to be called to help. They charged the crowd with their bayonets and Mr. Barclay's came was broken in two. He was pursued by two policemen on bicycles and had he not met two sailors who assured the guardians of the peace that Mr. Barclay was with them, he

McGILL UNIVERSITY ORIENTAL SOCIETY

Important Business will be Transacted To-night—It is Ladies' Evening

The first lecture of this session in connection with the above Society will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Engineering Building at 8.15 p.m., when Mr. Nathan Gordon, M.A. B.D., will give an illustrated address on "Zionist Work in Palestine." Previous to the lecture the very important matter of the Society's association with the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland will be dealt with in reference to a letter recently received from the Secretary of the Asiatic Society, London, Eng. To-night's lecture will be open to the public and members are invited to bring their friends.

might have spent a good part of his time in a Parisian gaol.

A few weeks after this episode, the students of the Faculty of Law which he attended went out on strike out of disgust at the nomination of a Jew as the Dean of the Faculty. The foreign students did not take part in the trouble until the authorities declared that they would close the building for the year, unless the disturbance stopped at once. They held a meeting and decided to keep order at all costs. As soon as the Dean had begun lecturing the "rough-house" started and order was only obtained after the foreign students, under the leadership of Mr. Barclay and Guy Drummond had ejected the French students out of the room.

It was at the time of the flood that Mr. Barclay learnt to admire the French people. The way the disaster was taken was remarkable and the work of the army in building dams and walls to restrict the damages caused by the water was nothing short of marvellous. At the end of his speech Mr. Barclay commended warmly the work of the Club.

Mr. Du Roure, the Hon. President of the Club, was the last speaker on the programme. He emphasized the importance of the French language in a neat and humorous little speech.